

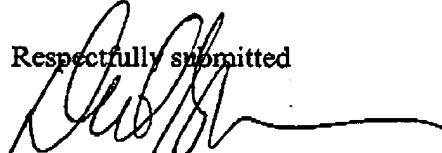
**REMARKS**

The present Preliminary Amendments are being submitted in order to correct typographical errors in the numbering of the claims. The specification as originally filed remains the same. No new matter has been presented by the amendments made.

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with an Amendment Transmittal which includes a claims table which sets forth the requisite fees necessitated by this Amendment. Should any additional fees be required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, the Commissioner of hereby authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 18-2000, of which the undersigned is an authorized signatory.

Applicant draws the Examiner's attention to the Notice of Change in Applicant's Entity Status and Notice of Change of Address of Attorney of Record submitted concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted



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